and distribution of qualioty seeds, Plant Protection measures including suply of Plant Protection chemicals and equipments and Orgnising demonstration of advanced technology, with particular reference to mustard, groundnut, soyabean and sunflower.

2. Supporting Oilseeds Projects of the NDDB.

3. A Technology Mission on Oilseeds was establisshed in May, 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.

4. Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.

5. Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops like soyabean and sunflower and expoitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

6. Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

7. Assistance for oil palm development.

8. Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices of major oilseeds.

9. Identification of equipments for modernisation of processing units, custom duty concession of imports of certain equipments.

10. Funding research and development programmes undertaken by various Institutions forfuller exploitation of oil from oil bearing materials.

Purchase of vans by unemployed youths under P.D.S.

2641. SHRI RA JUBHAI A. PARAM;
SHARIMATI VEEN VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a scheme to given loans to unemployed youth to enable them to purchase vans under a modified door delivery system of essential commodities under the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the number of unemployed youths to be employed under thescheme; and

(c) what are the other details ofthe scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Central Government provides financial assistanceto the State Governments/UT Administrations for purchase of vans to be used either as mobile Fair Price Shops or for door delivery of PDS Commodities to the Fair Price Shops. The Scheme is meant for all the areas identifioed for the Revamped PDS as well as for other remote and inacossible areas. The assistance is limited to Rs. 4.00 lakhs per van and consists of 50% grant and 50% loan.

Vanaspati production in the country

2642. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 24th October, 1992, stating that there is an excess installed capacityfor vanaspati production in the country and yet more new units are in the pipeline and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Governsment are aware that world-wide, there isa change over to liquid vegetable oils which eliminates contamination of vanaspati with ikel and other contaminents; and

(c) whether the Government would encourage switchever to vegetable oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Consequent upon delicens-